



City of Cincinnati Board of Health Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Dr. Bhati, Chair of the Board Finance Committee, called the October 20, 2020 Finance Committee meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Roll Call

Members present: Amar Bhati, chair, Robert Brown, Tim Collier, Robert Hall, Edward Herzig, Domonic Hopson, Phil Lichtenstein, Melba Moore.

Topic	Discussion	Action/Motion
Approval of Minutes	<p>The Chair asked the Committee members if everyone had the opportunity to review the minutes from the last meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> That the Board of Health (BOH) Finance Committee approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020 Board of Health Finance Committee Meeting.</p>	<p><u>Motion: Herzig</u> <u>Second: Hall</u> <u>Action: Passed</u></p>
Review of Contracts for October 27, 2020 BOH Meeting	<p>The Chair began the review of the contracts that will go to the Board of Health (BOH) for approval.</p> <p>Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services Refugee Program – This accounts receivable grant contract is a new agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Cincinnati Health Department. Compensation will be paid upon completion of a health exam as per the Core Screening Procedures for Refugees provided by ODJFS. The agreement is to provide payment for patient navigation service at \$200 and interpreter's service at \$200 for a total of \$400 for each completed screening. The Cincinnati Health Department will bill Medicaid directed for the cost of the exam. ODJFS estimate a total of 200 screenings will be completed during the three-year period. The amount is for \$46,548 with a term of October 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.</p> <p>Mr. Domonic Hopson walked the Committee through the contract and answered questions. There is a reduction of refugees receiving services through this program. Dr. Lichtenstein asked about the financing. Mr. Hopson said this contract was only for a one-year term.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> That the Board of Health Finance Committee recommend approval.</p>	<p><u>Motion: Herzig</u> <u>Second: Hopson</u> <u>Action: Passed</u></p>

	<p>Children’s Hospital Medical Center (CHMC) – This accounts payable grant is for CHMC to provide a Quality Improvement Specialist (QIS) for 20 hours per week. The QIS will provide support to CHD’s quality improvement initiatives and work closely with Domonic Hopson, MPH, CEO of the City of Cincinnati Primary Care and Assistant Health Commissioner at CHD to develop and spread CHD initiatives to improve care for children and families in Cincinnati. The amount is \$67,086.00 with a term of October 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.</p> <p>Mr. Domonic Hopson walked the Committee through the contract and answered questions. This was approved last month, but the term needed to be adjusted.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> That the Board of Health Finance Committee recommend approval.</p> <p>Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – This accounts receivable grant from HUD is to remediate properties with lead hazards (\$3,100,000) and utilizing Healthy Homes funding (\$400,000) to create healthy and safe housing by addressing radon, plumbing, rodent infestation, trip hazard issues. This grant opportunity will allow CHD and Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to continue our efforts in creating lead-safe and healthy housing for our children, especially those in the low income and minority populations who are particularly susceptible to lead poisoning. The amount is for \$3,500,000 with a term of January 2, 2020 to January 1, 2024.</p> <p>Ms. Rashmi Aparajit walked the Committee through the grant and answered questions. As we already have another grant from HUD for lead mitigation, we will need to train more lead abatement workers and contractors and hire another team to oversee the contractors. Outreach activities will be conducted in schools, faith-based organizations, etc. to make people aware of the program. The Chair asked if there is a timeline? Ms. Aparajit said that we need to undertake an environmental review and make the public aware. Once the review has been publicized, HUD will release the funds, and it will then take a couple of months after that to be ready. However, it will be cold then so we will most likely end up starting in spring.</p> <p>Dr. Lichtenstein asked how we would identify the houses that will be mitigated through this program. Ms. Aparajit stated that once a house is identified as having lead, it must be reported to the Ohio Department of Health, which notifies us. We then do an inspection. If lead is found, we issue orders. If someone cannot afford to mitigate the lead, we enroll them into the program. Homes with pregnant women and children are the first priority. This grant will abate 200 properties.</p>	<p><u>Motion: Herzig</u> <u>Second: Hall</u> <u>Action: Passed</u></p>
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	<p>Dr. Herzig asked about the Healthy Homes funding. Ms. Aparajit stated that the Healthy Homes portion of the grant is to be used for homes that have issues but are within the lead grant program.</p> <p><u>Motion</u>: That the Board of Health Finance Committee recommend approval.</p>	<p><u>Motion: Herzig</u> <u>Second: Hall</u> <u>Action: Passed</u></p>
Report on Patients with Chronic Conditions	<p>Dr. Grant Mussman stated that our priority right now is to reduce disparities for those at high risk for COVID-19. COVID-19 has exacerbated disparities that already existed. CHD leverages the expertise of Cincinnati Children's Medical Center which is known for its quality improvement processes. We wanted to bring this into alignment with our overarching quality improvement plan for the entire health department by choosing measures that had a high impact for our patients – looking at the most common conditions our patients have and which of those would an improvement for most people.</p> <p>We partnered with the University of Cincinnati and Hoxworth for our adult patients. The goal was to improve outcomes for a few select common conditions where COVID-19 would be likely to create or exacerbate health disparities. We identified: diabetes, hypertension, and our immunization rate. These interventions are being tested at our clinics, UC, Hoxworth, and the Children's clinic.</p> <p>Dr. Mussman discussed specific actions and outcomes. We are continuing to test interventions but have not moved the outcomes yet.</p> <p>The Chair asked if this impacted the budget. Dr. Mussman said we are leveraging resources we already have – we are not spending any new money. Dr. Herzig asked if there is grant money we can look at? Dr. Mussman stated that quality improvement grant money is difficult to find.</p>	
Voice of Your Customer Data for Anti-Tobacco Media Campaign	<p>Ms. Tonia Smith introduced Scott Dean, a public health educator, to share the tobacco social media analytic of the Voice of Your Customer. Mr. Dean reported that CHD contracted with Voice of Your Customer to conduct the media campaign with our grant. Focused in three areas: cessation, secondhand smoke, and youth point of sale. Data was provided in a hand-out and included numbers of views of each video.</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were a way to determine the effectiveness of the videos? Ms. Smith said that we conduct community use engagement surveys. The more we continue the campaign the more the awareness arises among community members to really understand tobacco is a problem. These surveys are conducted annually.</p>	

	Mr. Jon Lawniczak asked how members of the public could view the videos. Ms. Smith said she would put a link on our website.	
Phamily Update	Mr. Robert Hall stated that Procurement has asked that we issue a Request for Information (RFI). Typically, it takes three weeks to a month to receive responses. Getting content could take several more months taking us into next year.	
Financial Update	<p>Mr. Hopson stated that next week we will reopen two of our dental clinics that have been closed since COVID. Summer is always slow because school-based healthcare is slow then. As schools have opened later, we may need to make a mid-year budget correction. We are conducting outreach to try to see more patients. We are recruiting new general population patients.</p> <p>Mr. Hopson discussed the payor mix and AR change.</p> <p>Mr. Hall discussed revenue over expenses. The revenue difference between FY20 and FY21 is only \$734,000. Adjustments may be needed later. Also, there is a lag between when you apply for a grant and the money is received. Mr. Hopson stated that the CARES act and the Community Development Block Grant will reimburse some of our COVID expenses.</p>	
Review Action Items	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report on our efforts regarding patients with chronic conditions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mussman, <i>Complete</i> 2. Report on data from Voice of Your Customer anti-tobacco media campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Smith, <i>Complete</i> 3. Report on the unemployed losing their health insurance benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Moore, <i>Complete</i> 	
Public Comment	Mr. Jon Lawniczak stated that per public notice, members of the public were to email BOH.Clerk@cincinnati-oh.gov prior to 3:00 pm of the day of the meeting with questions and comments. As of 3:00 pm today, no questions or comments were received.	

Meeting Adjourned 5:00 p.m.
Next Meeting November 17, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.
Minutes prepared by Jon Lawniczak